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In Reply Refer To: P 2830/IDI-001552 (ID5363)

July 10, 2014

NOTICE TO PROCEED

Attn: Ron Piston

Idaho Power Inc. 1221 W. Idaho St.

P.O. Box 70 : Right-of-Way Grant IDI-5363 Access Road

Boise, ID 83702 :

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On May 22, 2014, this office received a request from Idaho Power Company (IPC) to construct an access road per the terms of Right-of-Way Grant IDI-5363 for the Cambridge – McCall 138kV Transmission Line (Line 470). The site contains .093 acres, located at T.18 N. R.1W. section 34, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄ in Adams County Idaho on public lands depicted on the attached site map (attachment 1).

On May 20, 2014 a site visit was conducted with Idaho Power, the United States Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management to determine the condition of the project area and to discuss the proposal. Four Rivers Field Office resource specialists subsequently reviewed the proposal and the Cambridge-Council-McCall 138kV Transmission Line Environmental Assessment (HLY 032-033 (02/08/05) 106497/1k) (Cambridge-Council-McCall EA) and concluded that IPC's proposal was in conformance with all mandatory terms and conditions in the Right-Of-Way (ROW) grant and the proposal is essentially similar to what was analyzed in the Cambridge-Council-McCall Environmental Assessment.

Since IPC's proposal conforms to the terms of their ROW grant, I am approving the May 22, 2014 request to construct an access road to perform maintenance on their transmission facilities.

Upon completion of the line maintenance, Idaho Power must ensure that other roads and overland travel routes on BLM-managed land used to access the structures referenced to in this request are rehabilitated. These roads are identified on attachment 2 as "overland travel," and attachment 3 as "alternative service road. Rehabilitation efforts (i.e., seeding) shall be repeated if a satisfactory stand of vegetation is not obtained as determined by the authorized officer upon evaluation after the second growing season. The goal is to establish a perennial cover that is equivalent to 40-60% of the predisturbance cover.

If you have any questions, please contact Dusty Parson, (208) 373-4068, or by e-mail ddparson@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tate Fisher

Tate Fischer Four Rivers Field Manager

- 3-Attachments/Enclosures
 - 1-Map IDI-5363 access road location (1 p)
 - 2-Map Overland Travel (1 p)
 - 3-Map Alternative Service Roads, etc. (1 p)